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ORIG DTG: 15 JAN 53/1800

PRECEDENCE
ROUTINE

RECD: 15 JAN 53/2243

FROM: LONDON

SENT: PRITY DEPT 3888

RPTD INFO: PARIS 1022 MOSCOW 178 BONN 664

P.O.B.

FOREIGN OFFICE GUIDANCE TO BRITISH PRESS REGARDING
ARREST NAUMANN, SCHEEL, AND OTHERS IS ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

DANGER OF GROUP WAS POTENTIAL RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE
AND PURPOSE OF ACTION WAS PARTICULARLY BECAUSE BRITISH
WANTED MORE INFORMATION AND ALSO TO HUP ACTIVITIES IN
BUD BEFORE THEY REACHED SERIOUS PROPORTIONS. THEY DO
NOT INTEND TO SAY MUCH ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK GROUP HAS
BEEN UP TO. THEY ARE ALSO SAYING THAT UNTIL MORE INFORM-
ATION IS AVAILABLE NO STATEMENT IS POSSIBLE WHETHER
PERSONS ARRESTED WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. THEY WISH
PARTICULARLY TO AVOID INFERENCE THAT THIS ACTION SHOWS
LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION WHICH
THE WEST CAN EXPECT FROM GERMANS AND THEY ARE EMPHASIZING
THAT THIS WAS ONLY A SMALL GROUP OF PLOTTERS AND THAT
THE VAST NUMBER OF GERMANS ARE ON OUR SIDE. WITH
RESPECT TO POSSIBLE CONNECTION OF GROUP WITH EASTERN
ZONE OR SOVIETS, BRITISH CONFINING THEMSELVES TO SAYING
THAT IT IS CLEARLY NOT EXCLUDED.

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